THE DISCOVERY

OF

CAPTAIN BURY

and

ALDERMAN BROOKS.

Of a new *Design* of the *Papists*, to invalidate the Evidence of Mr. *OATS* and Mr. *BEDLOW*, and to charge the late *Plott* upon the

PROTESTANTS

Of this

KINGDOME.

WHEREIN

Are the Depositions of the said *Bury* and *Brooks*, as they were taken before Sr. *Joseph Williamson* Kt. one of his Majesties late Principal Secretaries of State.

Num. 23. 23. *Surely there is no Inchantment against* Jacob, *neither is there any Divination against* Israel, *&c.*

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I Presume I need not spend my time in accumulating Arguments to convince the Reader of the late divelliſh and damnable Deſigns of the Roman Conſpirators against his Majeſties Sacred Perſon, the Government, the Proteſtant Religion, our Laws, our Lives and Liberties, of which the King, Lords and Commons have been ſo fully and ſufficiently convinc'd, and our Judges, Juſtices and Juries ſo undeniably ſatisfied, as that ſeveral of the tranſacters have been already brought to condign puniſhment; which methinks, ſhould be enough to ſtop the mouths and ſtay the hands of theſe daring wretches; but nothing will retard and delay the proſecution of their bloody Deſigns, yea, though Heaven it ſelf bluſhes to behold them, and refuſes to Midwife into the world thoſe horrid villanies that they are continually hatching.

I need not turne over Volumes, or croſs the Seas to find out inſtances of their inſatiable avarice, unlimited ambition, and inhumane cruelties; I may paſs by the Pariſian and Iriſh Maſſacres, together with their unparallel'd butchery in Piedmont, which Hiſtory has recorded with ſuch an indelible character as (I doubt not but) will be handed down to times laſt Period. This little Iſle affords us matter enough to evlarge upon this bloody Theme: if we do review the Marian Perſecutions, the Powder Plot, the burning and deſtroying of houſes, and all the other belliſh contrivances of that Antechriſtian Whore, (which are too too many to enumerate) we may behold ſuch inſtances of execrable Barbarity that may raiſe us into an admiration that ſuch impious wretches are permitted by the juſt and holy God to breath in his air, or tread upon his Earth, Oh the infinite patience and forbearance of Divine Omnipotence!

But (to compleat and fill up the meaſure of their wickedneſs to the brim) when their Plots are diſcovered and the world begins

gins to behold their villanies, then they endeavour and do all they can to father them upon the innocent Protestants, to make them odious, to quit and excuse themselves; which is visible by the Narrative of the Powder Plot, which (though they themselves were to be the bloody Acters of, as may be undenyably prov'd) yet they have attempted to devolve it upon and impute it to the Puritans as a trick of theirs. Oh divillish policy!

And though this late Hellish Plott *(discovered by men of their own party) was to be manag'd and carried on by their own black Crue, which is as evident as that the Sun shines at Noon day) yet you will see by the ensuing Depositions, that they would have charg'd it upon a people whose Principles are as contrary to such practises as Light is to Darkness, and who are so far from Assassinating the Sacred Person of his Majesty, that they would venture their Lives and Fortunes in his Royal Service; however they may have been formerly stigmatized, for which they may thank these damnable Conspirators.*

The Depositions following are a true Copy of the Original, which was given in to Sr. *Joseph Williamson*, though they are not cloath'd with such Language as might be expected, yet for the sake of Truth, I am unwilling to alter a tittle. And in regard there are some expressions not so clearly to be apprehended by the bare reading of them, I think it convenient to acquaint the Reader that *Russel* who is mentioned in the Depositions is an Irish man and a Rank Papist, and lately a Servant to and supposed to be Employed by ———— and was the chief Agent in this Design. *Nettervile* and *Bruer* are of the same Faction, and now (or lately) Prisoners in the *Marshalsea*, and have since confes'd the whole matter upon Examination. *As for the Deponents they are both true* Protestants *and of former acquaintance with* Nettervile, *and have shewn kindnesses*

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to him in times past, and were also intimate with Mr. Blood, *and therefore suppos'd by* Nettervile *to be the fittest instruments for the carrying on of this business.*

The Depositions of Capt. Bury.

ON the 11*th.* of this instant *January*, I received the annexed Note from Mr. *James Nettervill*, on the 13*th.* I went to him, as soon as I came, he told me he had something to impart to me in private; we went into a room alone, and he asked me if I did not hear that there were persons making inquiry to find out some that would accuse those that had impeached the Lords, and those concerned about the *Plott*, I told him I heard nothing of it; he told me there were such and that I shou'd find the Game would turn another way, and that I might do my self a kindness if I pleased, I told him my affairs call'd me for *Ireland*, that I must be gone on the *Thursday* following, He told me it wou'd be worth my while to stay, and asked me if I could not prove that one Mr. *Digby* had meetings with Mr. *Oates* and Mr. *Bedlow*, I told him no; for he knew there had been no great friendship of late betwixt us. (This I look upon as an Introduction to the design) But he came close to me and told me a person had been with him concerning this matter, and that indeed they had a jealousie of Mr. *Blood*, and if I would discover any thing of that nature against him I should have 4 or 500 l. for my pains; To this I seemed to hearken (but was much surprized at this unexpected Discourse) and did plainly see their design was to turn the Game another way, as he said before. I did not discourage him, but

told him I would consider of it, and if I did not go on *Thursday* I would see him again, and that he knew well I was very hard to believe this *Plott*; and then he told me that he could bring a Prisoner in that place to drink a pot of Ale with me that could give me an account what a Rogue Mr. *Bedlow* was, but I being in hast, took my leave of him, he injoyning me to secresy, at my return I could not meet with Mr. *Blood*, but having some business with Sir *Ralph Dalavall* and the Lady *Eliz.* his Daughter, and being full with a sence of this Divelliſh Design, I told the Story to them, and said when I was in *Ireland*, I should hear, and they would find, that this was the game they intended to play, to turn the PLOT from themselves, and doubted not but they would find some to carry it on.

On the 14*th.* in the morning I went to Mr. *Blood's* House and acquainted him with it, he desired me to meet him in the Evening because he desired to consider of it, but told me then he had no reason to slight it, because the morning before a Knight had been with him * and told him there was a design against him of the same kind, and desired him to inquire after it.

Sr. Tho. Longvile

In the Evening I met with Mr. *Blood*, who desired me to keep my correspondence with the said *Nettervile*, and to know of him how I should be secured my payment, and what it was they would have me do.

On the 16*th.* I went accordingly to him and told him I had considered of what we had discourſed before, and had stopt my journey as to that day, he was very glad to see me, and told me, that the party * had been with him again about the business, and I might get 500l. without any prejudice to my self, I told him that money would do

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me a great kindneſs at this time, (for he knew I had waited a long time here, and that it was very hard with me) therefore deſired to know what they would have me do, and how I ſhould be ſure of the 500 l. for I expected it ſhould be a perſon of good credit that would lay down the 500 l. he told me that I ſhould not need to queſtion that, for they were of credit enough, but he that came to him *was only imployed to pay the money, and if I ſhall tell him that you will do the buſineſs you ſhall be ſure of the money. Not ſo ſaid I, firſt let me know what it is diſtinctly, and how I ſhall be ſure of the 500 l. elſe I ſhall not ſtir a foot in it, but be gone on *Munday*, ſaith he would you have the money before hand, then may be you will not do it, no ſaid I that I do not deſire, but will you depoſit it in a third hand? truly ſaid he that is very fair, and I doubt not but they will do it, (for I told him none was better able to carry it on than you, for Mr. *Blood's* man was formerly your Servant and preferred by you to him) and told me that on *Saturday* by two or 3 of the Clock, his friend* would be with him again, but that he would be ſhy of diſcourſing with me, and deſired that I would come again to him on *Munday* and then I ſhould underſtand more. Upon my return I acquainted Mr. *Blood* with the whole diſcourſe, and that *I* was to leave the town on *Munday*, having ſtaid my utmoſt time, becauſe *I* had a ſuit Depending in Chancery at *Dublin*, and that if I were not there the beginning of the Term it would be great damage to me, becauſe my abſence would be look'd upon as a contempt, but Mr. *Blood* requeſted me to ſtay until he had acquainted his Majeſty or one of his Secretaries with it to know his pleaſure as to my going or ſtay. *John Bury.*

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Sworn before me 17*th.* of January
1678. *J. Williamſon.*

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Saturday *the* 18th. *of* January *I was with* James Netterville *in the evening, he told me his friend* * *had left him about half an hour before I came, and that he acquainted him with what I propounded,* (to witt) *that the* 500 *l. should be deposited in a third persons hand, and he told me his friend was contented it should be so, and thought it but reasonable, and therefore was willing to put it into a Goldsmiths hand, I asked him if they had considered the method how we should carry this on, and whether they had drawn up the heads of what I was to swear, he told me no, but his friend would be with him again upon* Wednesday, *and that all things should be prepared and ready for me by* Thursday *morning; I asked him if it would be convenient for me to meet his friend, he told me not as yet, for he was very wary, shy and fearful of being betrayed, I told him I thought my meeting with him was not material, only* (*said I*) *let him be sure to secure the money, and he need not doubt of effecting the busines, but* (*said I*) 500 *l. is not all that I expect from him for this service, that is but a melting Cash, and I have a great charge of a wife and six children, and you know I have lain a long time waiting here almost to my utter ruine, and have been very hardly dealt with. Now if I accomplish this, I shall lose my interest in all other parties, and therefore expect he should make me a very good interest with that party, never fear that, saith he, for you shall have interest enough with them, and if we can but turn off this Plot there is no danger of effecting your business, for* (*saith he*) *the King will believe nothing of it. Well* (*said I*) *I must trust to you to make my interest, but I partly see how things are like to go, and think it wisdome to come in with the beginning of the game, saith he,* (*swearing by his Maker*) *never fear, if we turn off this Plott we do our business, and you will be made for ever; but said I, why will you defer this till* Wednesday, *that is a great while and delays are not good,* (*said he*) *I did not expect you till*

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till Munday, But if I hear any thing in the mean time I will write to you, and it shall be left at Mr. Brooks his Lodging, I hear (said I) the Parliament is Prorogued, thats true enough said he, and till they meet again we can receive no great damage; but (said he) I hear the Apprentices are ready to rise and pull down Newgate (said I) then I suppose that is because the men* are not executed, what else (said he) and that's our great danger, that the people should run into a Rebellion before we accomplish our business. (I asked him if he had taken an abstract as he said he would of what that man* in the Prison could swear) to take off Mr. Bedlows Evidence, why we are sure enough of him, & shall make Bedlow Rogue enough, pray said I, what will he swear, why, that the very morning the Proclamation came forth concerning Sr. Edmund Bury Godfrey, Mr. Bedlow came to his Chamber, and asked him if he had ever seen Sr. Edmund Bury Godfrey for (saith he) if I knew what a like man he was, I could easily get 500 l. and however I am resolved to hazard my neck but I will have it, and that he would have had some men have gone with him to Somerset House to see the Rooms, and promised to get him money if he would go with him, but (said I) Mr. Nettervile, it is said that Bedlow was out of town before the Proclamation came out, that is not so saith he, for this mans wife went into the Countrey with him; a great deal of discourse more we had, all tending to the incouraging of me to carry on this business (to turn this Plott to be a Protestant Plott for the destruction of the Papists) and then I should be made for ever). when I paid the reckoning and was coming away, saith he (you will alwaies come to your charge) but I hope the end will pay for all.

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One Brewer.

On Wednesday the 22th. at night I went to Mr. Nettervill expecting to have the model how they would have me swear, and in what Goldsmiths hands they would put the 500 l. but as

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soon as ever I came to him, he told me that he had been put into such a fright that he never was in all his life before, for (said he) Mr. Oats, *Mr.* Bedlow *and Sr.* Will. Waller *and another Justice have been with me, they call'd for Irons, one would have fifty pound weight, another an hundred pound weight put upon me, at length Sr.* Will. Waller *began to examine me and told me he knew I could discover a great deal, so I desired the rest might be put out of the room, and I confess'd all to him and the other Justice, they both promising me my pardon; have you confessed all said I? how could I help it said he, I was never in such a fright in all my life, and they promised me my pardon, what have you confessed (said I?) I have told them* (said he) *that 500 l. was to be deposited in a Goldsmiths hands, and that I had sent for a Gentleman and treated with him about it, have you told them my name, said I?* (he paus'd at that) *no said he but I must tell them, but I thought fit to acquaint you with it, then said I it seems you have left me in the Lurch and made no provision for me, therefore since it is so, you must give me leave to play my own game, and seeing you have confessed, let us now play our game as well as we can on the other side, and be sure to be ingenious and confess what ever we know, I will immediately to Sr.* Joseph Williamson *and declare the whole story, pray do so, neglect no time but go to night, and so we parted.*

The Depositions of Alderman Brooks.

THat on or about the 23*th.* of *Decem.* 16 8. I was at the *Marshalsea* in *Southwark*, where was one *James Nettervil* a Prisoner there for Debt, who desired me to do so much for him as to carry a note for a friend of his that was a Prisoner also, unto one *Piercy Butler*, who lived in St. *Germain* street near my Lodging, and said, if I would procure any of his friends to come to his friend there, he would have money enough, whereof he should have a share, and it would also be a great kindness to him, whereupon I told him

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would, provided he would write it quickly, whereupon he call'd forth his friend, and they two consulted together, and he wrote two or three lines and gave them me for the said *Butler*, but when I came to the place where I was directed, they told me he was gone out of town in obedience to the Kings Proclamation, and so I troubled my self no further, but put the Note in my pocket.

The next morning he sent a messenger to me, to know what I had done in it, I desired him to tell Mr. *Nett.* that the said *Butler* was gone out of town in obedience to his Majesties Proclamation.

About 10 days after I had occasion for some wast paper, & putting my hand in my pocket I light on this note that I should have delivered to *Butler*, & I opened it & read it & found in it these words, written, or to this effect.

Sr. I am here committed by the name of *Daniel Edmonds* by a Justice of Peace in the Countrey as being a Recusoat, & therefore I desire of you, that you will come unto me here, that I may advise with you, and in so doing you will oblige, your friend *Dominick Kelley*.

It is run in my mind till about the 15*th.* instant at night, and then being at Mr. *Protters* Coffee house at *Charing Cross*, where I met with a Paper intituled, Mr. Prances discovery of the Plott, and of Sr. Edmund Bury Godfreys Murtherers, wherein (amongst other things) there was mentioned two Irish Priests to be guilty, the one named Gerrald, and the other Kelley, whereupon it came into my mind that the man I was to carry the note for into St, Germains street must be the same Kelley, because by that Note he was committed by the name of Edmunds, and his name was Kelley.

The next morning being the 16*th.* of this instant *January* (thinking to have found the same Kelley there) I came there, and coming to the aforesaid Nett. and after some secret discourse I asked him how his friend did that I carried the Note for, he told me that he was gone, I asked him how he got out, he told me he procured Bayl, then I asked him what he was, he told me that he was a Priest, and one of those that Oats that Rogue had impeached, I asked him how he could get Bayl being a Priest, he told me they did not know that he was a Priest, and those that were his Bayl

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would be Bayl for any one for money, and he gave them ten shillings a piece, and the fellow they procured them 5 shillings, & he got them the Copy of his Commitment to get him to move by, and the Priest promised him the said Nettervill seven pounds, but he had not left it him as yet, and so we left this discourse and came to other.

That he having sent by me a Letter and a Petition to Mrs. Elianor Wall a Gentlewoman that belongs to the Dutchess of Portsmouth, (whom he calls Coson) whereby to get him some money for his present supply, but I having no opportunity to meet with her, could give him no account of that matter, whereupon he said he was in such want, that if he had not help speedily, he should be turn'd into the Common side, I told him that money was so scarce with me that I could not lend him any, but if I could I would: Whereupon he called me aside into the corner of the yard by the Gate, and told me that if I would be ruled by him, he would put me into a way whereby we should have money enough, I asked him how, he told me that if I would but joyn and assist to vilifie the Evidence of Oats and Bedlow those two Rogues. Whereupon I laughed at him and said it is impossible, their Evidence was grounded upon too good a Foundation, he told me I was mistaken and I should hear otherwise in a little while.

Upon the 17th. of *January* I went again to him thinking to have gathered something of him what was become of this Priest, but could not, and was taking my leave of him, saying, I must go home, for I had some business to write for *Ireland*, to send by Cap. Bury, who was to go on Munday, he told me he believed he should stop Cap. Buries journey, I told him I hoped not so, he answered it should not be to his prejudice, to which I answered, why then withal my heart, for I would not be against any thing that should be for his good. And so there came in one (Russel) an Irish man that had some business with him, and so we parted.

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Now Reader thou haſt ſeen the whole contrivance, and maiſt eaſily diſcern what the intentions of the Romaniſts were, what the natural conſequence thereof would have been, I leave to thy own conjecture, and ſhall only add this (true circumſtance) as a farther confirmation of their wicked deſigns in this matter. *viz.*

That ſeveral perſons (by them appointed) were a little before this diſcovery) at the houſes of ſome Presbiterians, well known in the City of *London*, to pray their charitable contribution towards the maintenance of Mr. *Oates* and Mr. *Bedlow*, upon this ſpecious (though falſe) ſuggeſtion. That his Majeſties allowance was not ſufficient for their incouragement, but the parties to whom they applyed themſelves (ſuppoſing their intentions were to abuſe their King and Country, and to procure coyn for themſelves) rejected them with checks. And it was well they did, for otherwiſe who knows what advantage they might have made thereof, in order to the effecting their wicked enterpriſe.

And thus I have done, truſting to the Readers candor (which if a Proteſtant I do not doubt of) if a Papiſt, neither expect or care for it, I being one of a quite different Principle, and one whoſe Prayers as well as Endeavours) ſhall be conſtantly Engaged, for the fruſtration of their helliſh attempts.

Concerning my intentions in the Publication of theſe Depoſitions, they were only for the publike good, and to Expoſe to view the wicked ſubtilties of theſe men, that the Nation (and all true Proteſtants) may be made ſenſible of their devices, that if ever they uſe the ſame, or the like again, they may be with the more eaſe detected and rendred Abortive: And alſo that all ſincere Chriſtians, may aſcribe the praiſe of all their Deliverances (as well of this as others) to that God who hath ſo viſibly and conſtantly appeared for the Vindication of his People, and for the infatuating the perſons, aſwell as rendring unſucceſful the attempts of His, and Their Implacable Enemies.

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